

TOPIC Discussion 1: Transformation of the American West & Contemporary

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REFERENCES

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1. Shipments observed at the Stendal railroad station included: a train carrying 30 new, [] tank trucks which proceeded toward Wittenberge-Gardelegen on 6 February; a train consisting of 10 boxcars with personnel, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 37 trucks, 14 AA guns, 7 ambulances, and 2 field kitchens which came from the direction of Magdeburg and proceeded toward Berlin on 10 February; 5 trains which moved toward Berlin at night on 13 February; and a train consisting of 12 boxcars with personnel, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 16 AA guns, 5 field kitchens, and 30 trucks []

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2. At 7 a.m. on 11 February, eight columns moved for entrainment from the Olympisches Dorf in Doeberitz to the railroad station. Ahead of each of the columns, there was: a sedan; 2 trucks, each carrying 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a 76.2-mm AT gun; 1 truck carrying 5 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying baggage; 2 trucks, each carrying 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and each towing a 76.2-mm AT gun; 1 truck carrying 15 soldiers with baggage; 2 trucks, each carrying 10 soldiers and each towing a 76.2-mm AT gun; 3 trucks, each carrying 15 soldiers with baggage; 1 truck towing a field kitchen; and 3 trucks [] carried ammunition boxes.

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- [redacted] A column of full-track vehicles each carrying 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and each towing a 100-mm AT gun followed at 11:30 a.m. ²

3. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 16 February, all roads in Eberswalde from Trammer Chaussee toward Finow were cordoned off by soldiers who wore a black rhomb with a red T on their left sleeves. A column of about 10 trucks with officers including colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors, 6 jeeps with officers and EM, 3 to 4 radio cars and 2 busses were seen at the market square, coming from the direction of Trammer Chaussee and proceeding toward Finow. They followed other columns which had proceeded in the same direction, and were followed by additional columns. 3

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The trains on 10 and 14 February probably carried headquarters units of the Third Shock Army and units of the IV Arty Corps from Magdeburg, Brandenburg and Rathenow which had participated in exercises of units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the Schwerin-Ludwigs-lust-Wittstock area from 10 to 14 February. []

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Contrary to the assumption voiced in the reference report, the exercises

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The departure of units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) for joint practices with elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div in the area north of Neuruppin from 12 to 15 February was repeatedly reported.

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- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The area northeast of Rathenow had been known as training area prior to the summer exercises and was frequently used by units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The units mentioned in paragraph 3 were probably units of the headquarters of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which were observed departing and, on 16 February, were probably seen []

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[redacted] as they passed through Schoenwalde. [redacted]
 Only reports indicating the departure of elements of the unidentified
 army AT arty brigade of the army from Bernau to Doeberitz on 15 February
 were available on entrainment of units of the army at the home stations,
 and therefore it can be assumed that the troops involved in the exercise
 marched to the training area by road. The exercise probably lasted from
 17 to 20 February.

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4. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the train mentioned is one of the two
 trains which carried units of the 65th Mort Brig (US) for practices with
 units of the Eighth Gds Mecz Div to Grimma on 14 February and, on 20 Fe-
 bruary, returned from Riesa to Rathenow.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms winter exercises of units of
 the 9th Gds Tank Div which, reinforced by elements of the 2d Light Arty
 Brig (US) and the 31st AAA Div, trained in the area north of Neuruppin
 from 12 to 15 February. [redacted]
 [redacted] previously observed the return of these units since 15 February. [redacted]

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6. [redacted]
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 Rostock. The train possibly carried AT guns of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig
 instead of AAA guns. Other reports indicated that, on 21 February, a
 train went from Rathenow to Rostock, possibly taking back units of the
 brigade which presumably had participated in the exercises of the Fourth
 Gds Mecz Army northeast of Rathenow. It is possible that the second train
 also carried units of the brigade as, on 15 February, two trains also
 went from Rostock to Satzkeim.

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